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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6-7-10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27 and 44.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Andrew Y Koenig/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2423

DETAILED ACTION

1. IDS submitted 3/15/05 and 10/28/05 has been fully considered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jerry Miller on 8/27/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of storing digital video content to facilitate trick play, the content comprising intra-coded frames of video and inter-coded frames of video, the method comprising:

storing the inter-coded and the intra-coded frames of the content in a first file;

storing only a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in a second file;

storing a set of forward indices that relates the intra coded frames with the inter-coded frames in a forward direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the forward indices simulates a fast-forward playback; and

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storing a set of reverse indices that relates the intra-coded frames with the inter-coded frames in a reverse direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the reverse indices simulates a fast-reverse playback.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of storing digital video content to facilitate trick play, the content comprising intra-coded frames of video and inter-coded frames of video, the method comprising:

storing the inter-coded and the intra-coded frames of the content in a first file;
storing only a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in a second file;

storing a set of indices that relate the intra-coded frames in the first file with the intra-coded frames in the second file, such that playback of the second file simulates a fast-forward playback if played back in a first order and simulates a fast rewind if played back in a second order.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of storing digital video content to facilitate trick play, the content comprising intra-coded frames of video and inter-coded frames of video, the method comprising:

at a video on demand system for a television service provider:

storing the inter-coded frames and intra-coded frames of the content in a first file;

storing only a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in a second file;

storing a set of forward indices that relate the intra-coded frames to the inter-coded frames in a forward direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the forward indices simulates a fast-forward playback;

storing a set of reverse indices that relate the intra-coded frames to the inter-coded frames in a reverse direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the reverse indices simulates a fast-reverse playback, and

where, commands received at the television service provider from a subscriber terminal requesting trick play modes are implemented by retrieving inter-coded frames from the first file using either the forward or the reverse indices.

44. (Currently Amended) A tangible non-transitory computer readable storage device for storage and retrieval of digital video content, comprising:

at least one computer readable storage medium for use in conjunction with a video on demand system for a television service provider;

a first file residing on the storage medium storing intra-coded and inter-coded frames of the digital video content;

a second file residing on the storage medium storing only duplicates of the intra-coded frames of the digital video content in a second file;

a forward index table residing on the storage medium that relates the intra-coded frames to the inter-coded frames in a forward direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the forward indices simulates a fast-forward playback;

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a reverse index table residing on the storage medium that relates the intra-coded frames to the inter-coded frames in a reverse direction such that playback of the second file in the order of the reverse indices simulates a fast-reverse playback, and

where, commands received at the television service provider from a subscriber terminal requesting trick play modes are implemented by retrieving intra-coded frames from the second file using either the forward or the reverse indices.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record fails to teach or reasonably suggest storing only a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in a second file when taking the claim as a whole, since the duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in the second file refers back to being a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in the first file and the trick play functions of forward and reverse are based only on the single second file.

The pertinent prior art of record performs processes and/or reconstructs the frames of the first file before storing the frames as intra-coded frames in a second file. The pertinent art of record also teaches of I, B, and P frames being present in the second file and of several trick play files being used for trick play at different speeds. However, the prior art of fails to teach or reasonably suggest storing only a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in a second file

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when taking the claim as a whole, since the duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in the second file refers back to being a duplicate of the intra-coded frames of the content in the first file and the trick play functions of forward and reverse are based only on the single second file.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky Chin whose telephone number is 571-270-3753. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Koenig can be reached on 571-272-7296. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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